

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Moultonborough Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

23AUG2023 @ 9:30AM

Attendees: Karin Nelson, Mike Couture, Amy Lindamood, Peter Lemmond

Absent: Tracy Waterman

Others present: Al Hoch, Bev Nelson, Deb Daecetis

Meeting called to order at 0933

- Review minutes from last meeting – Amy moved to accept as written, second Peter. Minutes accepted, as submitted
- Finance update - \$133,959 expended YTD, with approximately one-half for herbicide treatment. Approximately \$5,000 remaining invoice expected from Solitude for post-treatment water testing, as well as approximately \$1,000 for hand-pulling activity. Current fund balance is \$39,043
- Herbicide treatment – Question was asked regarding timing for herbicide to take effect. Answer – 2.5-3 weeks (per Solitude). Observations in treated areas so far indicate good effectiveness of treatment.
- DASH update – Only 12 days were suitable for diving this season due principally to poor weather, but also due to sparse growth in survey-identified areas. Misidentification during survey by NHDES interns has been a significant issue leading to DASH activity in areas with little or no variable milfoil growth. The committee discussed the issue of fairly significant funds spent in areas with misidentified vegetation.
- Season wrap-up and plans for next year – Overall very good results from herbicide treatment. Mixed/limited results for DASH and hand-pulling activity. Town has filed forms with NHDES to receive typical reimbursement of funds to be expended next year for DASH and herbicide programs. Plans to discuss discrepancies in identification of appropriate dive sites with Amy Smagula at NHDES to try to improve, once all data is received and examined.
- Other business – The new email for reaching the committee is now up and working on the town web page (milfoil@moultonboroughnh.gov).
- Next meeting date – 26SEP023 @ 0930
- Adjournment motion by Amy, second Mike. Adjourned at 1024

Posted by Mike Couture, Secretary, MMC